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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	APR. 1957	APR. 1956	MAR. 1957
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,062	2,223	1,750
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	42,110	40,104	42,750
Construction Contracts (\$).*	2,776,431	3,051,000	3,077,997
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....*	144,013	143,330	143,961
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....*	116,716	143,409	113,571
Industrial Production (FRB) 1947-49=100	145.0	143.0	146.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS)..... 1947-49=100	104.4	106.0	105.4
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS)..... 1947-49=100	161.4	158.2	163.7
Newsprint Production (net tons).....*	717,253	656,711	738,658
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....*	701,018	644,739	687,754
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	N. A.	6,925	7,247
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....*	57,800	58,100	58,100
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....*	121,078	121,848	131,257
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	9,814	10,524	10,589
Zinc Production (net tons).....*	96,506	88,664	96,924
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....*	55,182	74,788	67,441
	MAR. 1957	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1957
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,895	6,899	6,212
Cotton Consumption (bales).....*	690,600	916,200	684,400
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....*	60,300	57,618	55,374
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....*	52,357	54,174	48,012
Lead Shipments (net tons).....*	38,225	39,344	37,517
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....*	677,778	689,982	662,028
Tires - Production (units).....*	9,766	9,193	9,169
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	9,114	8,627	8,539
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	36,500	39,200	36,400

	FEB. 1957	FEB. 1956	JAN. 1957
Cement Production (barrels).....*	17,860	19,578	19,308
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	15,116	15,929	11,805
Cigarette Production (units).....*	31,688	30,733	35,982
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	108,205	111,754	123,678
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	215,099	209,027	231,880
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	226,461	223,374	256,485
	APR. 1957	APR. 1956	MAR. 1957
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$).....*	192,492	176,760	197,024
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$).....*	72,328	65,715	74,784
Bank Debts, Outside N.Y.C. (\$).....*	120,165	111,045	122,237
Bond Sales, N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$).....*	90,065	80,570	77,758
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$).....*	1,500	1,510	1,189
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$).....*	702,376	390,541	503,237
Fire Losses (\$).....*	85,994	84,624	104,565
Life Insurance Sales (\$).....*	5,753	4,188	5,324
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	48,310	54,106	35,652
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	20,640	25,130	17,241
	MAR. 1957	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1957
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$).....*	2,142,700	1,582,300	1,606,900
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$).....*	1,116,000	1,102,000	992,300
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$).....*	903,612	888,985	815,462
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$).....*	89,857	88,976	65,748
Retail Sales (\$).....*	15,900	15,900	14,200
Wholesale Sales (\$).....*	10,400	10,200	9,600
Manufacturing Sales (\$).....*	29,960	28,505	27,798
Retail Inventories (\$).....*	24,370	24,540	23,650
Wholesale Inventories (\$).....*	13,100	12,600	13,100
Manufacturing Inventories (\$).....*	52,600	47,674	52,291

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Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—April 1957 and 1956

	(Thousands of dollars)			
	APR. 1957	APR. 1956	Change	MAR. 1957
Boston.....	3,053,053	2,856,062	+ 6.9	2,977,428
Philadelphia.....	5,508,000	5,306,000	+ 3.8	5,449,000
Buffalo.....	610,157	568,013	+ 7.4	601,416
Pittsburgh.....	2,084,871	1,926,963	+ 8.2	2,065,356
Cleveland.....	2,514,090	2,401,348	+ 4.7	2,451,340
Cincinnati.....	1,238,111	1,197,047	+ 3.5	1,221,345
Baltimore.....	1,623,591	1,551,182	+ 4.7	1,604,437
Richmond.....	847,276	779,043	+ 8.8	815,724
Atlanta.....	1,702,200	1,600,000	+ 6.4	1,645,400
New Orleans.....	919,990	775,687	+ 18.6	901,332
Memphis.....	577,202	546,284	+ 5.7	536,326
Chicago.....	4,857,051	4,726,289	+ 2.7	4,803,105
Detroit.....	3,334,360	3,099,673	+ 7.6	3,325,399
St. Louis.....	1,619,358	1,626,548	- 0.5	1,546,674
Louisville.....	830,625	818,100	+ 1.5	796,864
Minneapolis.....	1,684,389	1,524,464	+ 10.5	1,647,106
Kansas City.....	1,743,063	1,651,057	+ 5.6	1,723,486
Omaha.....	639,653	622,638	+ 2.7	652,165
Denver.....	820,418	744,961	+ 10.1	850,000
Dallas.....	1,995,027	1,870,643	+ 6.1	1,945,396
Houston.....	1,763,266	1,625,247	+ 8.5	1,779,211
Los Angeles.....	3,918,014	3,859,695	+ 1.5	3,919,472
San Francisco.....	3,010,422	2,822,943	+ 6.5	2,814,274
Portland, Ore.....	776,311	762,799	+ 1.8	816,111
Seattle.....	878,403	763,453	+ 15.1	878,665
Total 25 Cities.....	48,544,901	46,035,132	+ 5.5	47,777,029
New York.....	48,035,557	45,033,209	+ 6.7	51,269,100
Total 26 Cities.....	96,580,458	91,068,341	+ 6.1	99,046,129

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	4 MONTHS 1957	4 MONTHS 1956	Change	4 MONTHS 1955
Boston.....	11,865,366	11,383,918	+ 4.2	10,638,835
Philadelphia.....	21,595,000	20,782,000	+ 3.9	19,709,000
Buffalo.....	2,433,420	2,303,216	+ 5.7	2,152,272
Pittsburgh.....	8,226,127	7,720,914	+ 6.5	6,554,045
Cleveland.....	10,070,467	9,483,699	+ 6.2	8,064,115
Cincinnati.....	4,939,437	4,747,994	+ 4.0	4,299,051
Baltimore.....	5,989,035	5,980,287	+ 0.1	5,438,788
Richmond.....	3,342,268	3,200,118	+ 4.4	2,957,689
Atlanta.....	6,729,600	6,190,900	+ 8.7	5,893,800
New Orleans.....	3,717,987	3,298,180	+ 12.7	3,053,782
Memphis.....	2,299,377	2,200,824	+ 4.5	2,048,865
Chicago.....	19,297,330	18,601,989	+ 3.7	16,830,495
Detroit.....	13,209,986	12,783,823	+ 3.3	11,519,641
St. Louis.....	6,675,186	6,345,552	+ 5.2	5,906,754
Louisville.....	3,304,185	3,323,823	- 0.6	3,064,229
Minneapolis.....	6,621,361	6,225,780	+ 6.4	5,670,087
Kansas City.....	6,951,466	6,699,927	+ 3.8	6,482,460
Omaha.....	2,559,645	2,530,463	+ 1.2	2,514,072
Denver.....	3,272,427	2,936,352	+ 11.4	2,646,670
Dallas.....	7,891,480	7,515,969	+ 5.0	6,948,676
Houston.....	7,116,288	6,876,909	+ 3.5	6,034,013
Los Angeles.....	15,360,136	15,443,840	- 0.6	13,849,012
San Francisco.....	11,293,761	10,980,029	+ 3.8	9,979,778
Portland, Ore.....	3,177,917	3,045,023	+ 4.4	2,902,962
Seattle.....	3,377,373	3,140,702	+ 7.5	2,980,482
Total 25 Cities.....	191,736,225	183,742,231	+ 4.4	168,133,626
New York.....	194,287,722	181,538,703	+ 7.0	178,725,605
Total 26 Cities.....	386,023,947	365,280,934	+ 5.7	346,859,231

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1954 to Date

Millions of dollars

	Total 26 United States Cities				New York City				Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	103,253	96,104	87,462	80,946	51,411	47,789	45,004	42,599	51,842	48,314	42,458	38,347
February.....	87,144	82,375	80,589	76,130	43,572	39,550	42,646	40,866	43,572	42,825	37,943	35,264
March.....	99,046	95,734	95,249	90,883	51,269	49,167	49,403	47,723	47,777	46,568	45,846	43,160
April.....	96,580	91,068	83,559	82,815	48,035	45,033	41,673	43,437	48,545	46,035	41,887	39,378
May.....	96,905	86,047	79,771	.....	48,884	42,099	42,435	.....	48,020	43,948	37,336	.....
June.....	96,069	91,966	89,211	.....	48,987	46,545	47,566	.....	47,082	45,421	41,645	.....
July.....	94,463	83,362	83,729	.....	46,341	41,017	44,207	.....	48,122	42,345	39,592	.....
August.....	93,323	86,995	82,817	.....	45,442	41,453	43,345	.....	47,882	45,543	39,472	.....
September.....	85,266	86,612	80,283	.....	41,832	42,020	40,710	.....	43,434	44,592	39,573	.....
October.....	100,190	90,642	83,176	.....	48,711	44,905	43,134	.....	51,479	45,737	40,042	.....
November.....	93,716	88,603	84,476	.....	45,898	43,333	43,079	.....	47,818	45,270	41,397	.....
December.....	100,171	97,510	98,823	.....	51,523	50,787	52,928	.....	48,648	46,724	45,895	.....
Total.....	1,125,383	1,058,596	1,013,060	.....	559,157	530,883	532,029	.....	566,226	527,712	481,031	.....

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1954 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	1,148	1,048	939	867	\$54,060	\$42,890	\$37,872	\$29,592	\$54,825	\$43,712	\$39,000	\$29,906
February.....	1,146	1,024	877	926	65,406	49,189	42,056	47,774	66,200	49,436	42,194	47,909
March.....	1,336	1,170	1,038	1,102	55,833	42,622	41,209	57,280	56,175	43,843	41,289	57,745
April.....	1,175	985	903	975	57,103	41,871	35,968	42,512	57,347	42,666	36,299	43,160
May.....	1,164	955	943	.....	59,901	34,714	38,494	.....	60,334	34,840	39,068	.....
June.....	1,105	914	965	.....	43,013	36,667	41,613	.....	43,293	37,171	41,615	.....
July.....	1,018	861	856	.....	48,680	39,543	32,218	.....	48,713	32,706	32,725	.....
August.....	1,101	888	912	.....	55,040	36,028	32,582	.....	55,363	36,425	32,712	.....
September.....	932	822	819	.....	39,313	33,120	36,381	.....	39,820	33,348	37,757	.....
October.....	1,158	919	871	.....	50,004	34,777	29,000	.....	50,343	34,777	29,308	.....
November.....	999	945	933	.....	39,886	42,783	35,067	.....	40,285	43,073	36,780	.....
December.....	982	908	917	.....	50,279	41,643	40,103	.....	50,358	42,008	40,925	.....
Total.....	12,686	10,969	11,086	.....	\$562,697	\$449,380	\$462,628	.....	\$568,166	\$453,130	\$469,611	.....

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	APR. 1956
ALL COMMODITIES.....	117.2	116.9	117.0	113.6
Farm Products.....	90.6	88.8	88.8	88.8
Processed Foods.....	104.3	103.7	103.9	100.4
All Commodities Other Than				
Farm Products and Foods.....	125.3	125.4	125.5	121.6
Textile Products and Apparel.....	95.4	95.4	95.7	95.1
Hides, Skins and Leather Products.....	98.8	98.4	98.0	100.6
Fuel, Power and Lighting Materials.....	118.9	119.2	119.6	110.6
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	109.1	108.8	108.8	106.9
Rubber and Rubber Products.....	144.5	144.3	143.9	145.0
Lumber and Wood Products.....	120.2	120.1	120.7	128.5
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products.....	128.5	128.7	128.5	127.4
Metals and Metal Products.....	150.1	151.0	151.4	147.7
Machinery and Motive Products.....	145.0	144.8	144.5	135.7
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	121.8	121.9	121.9	118.0
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	134.5	133.2	132.7	128.6
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottled Beverages.....	124.4	124.1	124.1	121.7
Miscellaneous.....	91.4	92.0	92.4	92.1

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	APR. 1956
ALL ITEMS.....	119.3	118.9	118.7	114.9
Food.....	113.8	113.2	113.6	109.6
Housing.....	125.2	124.9	124.5	120.8
Apparel.....	106.5	106.8	106.1	104.8
Transportation.....	135.5	135.1	134.4	126.4
Medical Care.....	136.9	136.4	135.5	131.6
Personal Care.....	123.3	122.9	122.6	119.5
Reading and Recreation.....	111.8	110.5	110.0	108.2
Other Goods and Services.....	124.2	124.2	124.0	121.4

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

BASE YEAR	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	MAR. 1956
U. S. (B.L.S.).....1947-49	116.9	117.0	116.9	116.2	112.8
Canada.....1935-39	228.4	228.4	229.4	228.0	223.3
Australia.....1953	113.0	113.0	113.0	113.0	109.0
Denmark.....1953	107.0	109.0	110.0	110.0	107.0
Finland.....1953	109.0	109.0	109.0	107.0	102.0
France.....1953	104.0	104.0	106.0	104.0	101.0
India.....1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.0
Japan.....1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	99.0
Mexico.....1953	132.0	131.0	131.0	130.0	131.0
Norway.....1953	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	106.0
Sweden.....1953	109.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	109.0
Switzerland.....1953	106.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	102.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.).....1953	109.0	109.0	110.0	111.0	107.0
	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	FEB. 1956
Belgium.....1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	104.0
Brazil.....1953	191.0	191.0	189.0	189.0	159.0
Costa Rica.....1953	109.0	109.0	108.0	109.0	108.0
Cuba.....1953	97.0	97.0	96.0	95.0	95.0
Dominican Republic.....1953	100.0	93.0	97.0	92.0	92.0
Germany.....1953	105.0	105.0	105.0	104.0	102.0
Greece.....1953	131.0	131.0	131.0	132.0	126.0
Guatemala.....1953	100.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	100.0
Israel.....1953	137.0	134.0	132.0	126.0	126.0
Italy.....1953	101.0	103.0	103.0	102.0	103.0
Lebanon.....1953	100.0	98.0	97.0	98.0	99.0
Morocco.....1953	102.0	102.0	101.0	97.0	97.0
Netherlands.....1953	108.0	107.0	107.0	104.0	104.0
Peru.....1953	131.0	130.0	128.0	125.0	125.0
Philippines.....1953	98.0	98.0	97.0	93.0	93.0
Portugal.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0	98.0
Spain.....1953	125.0	124.0	119.0	110.0	110.0
Turkey.....1953	149.0	142.0	135.0	135.0	135.0
Union South Africa.....1953	107.0	107.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
Venezuela.....1953	100.0	101.0	101.0	102.0	102.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1955 to Date

1957	1956	1955
Jan. 1..... \$6.13	Jan. 3..... \$5.95	Jan. 4..... \$6.75
Jan. 8..... 6.10	Jan. 10..... 5.92	Jan. 11..... 6.61
Jan. 15..... 6.13	Jan. 17..... 5.86	Jan. 18..... 6.84
Jan. 22..... 6.14	Jan. 24..... 5.89	Jan. 25..... 6.88
Jan. 29..... 6.16	Jan. 31..... 5.95	Feb. 1..... 6.85
Feb. 5..... 6.13	Feb. 7..... 5.90	Feb. 8..... 6.77
Feb. 12..... 6.13	Feb. 14..... 5.94	Feb. 15..... 6.69
Feb. 19..... 6.12	Feb. 21..... 5.93	Feb. 22..... 6.65
Feb. 26..... 6.11	Feb. 28..... 5.95	Mar. 1..... 6.63
Mar. 5..... 6.09	Mar. 6..... 5.94	Mar. 8..... 6.55
Mar. 12..... 6.12	Mar. 13..... 5.96	Mar. 15..... 6.53
Mar. 19..... 6.20	Mar. 20..... 5.93	Mar. 22..... 6.55
Mar. 26..... 6.22	Mar. 27..... 5.89	Mar. 29..... 6.52
Apr. 2..... 6.17	Apr. 3..... 5.96	Apr. 5..... 6.49
Apr. 9..... 6.19	Apr. 10..... 5.96	Apr. 12..... 6.54
Apr. 16..... 6.19	Apr. 17..... 6.01	Apr. 19..... 6.52
Apr. 23..... 6.11	Apr. 24..... 6.04	Apr. 26..... 6.42
Apr. 30..... 6.12	May 1..... 6.04	May 3..... 6.38
May 7..... 6.09	May 8..... 6.03	May 10..... 6.39
May 14..... 6.08	May 15..... 6.14	May 17..... 6.37
May 21..... 6.09	May 22..... 6.11	May 24..... 6.34
May 28..... 6.11	May 29..... 6.11	May 31..... 6.33
June 4..... 6.18	June 5..... 6.18	June 7..... 6.39
June 11..... 6.14	June 12..... 6.14	June 14..... 6.51
June 18..... 6.09	June 19..... 6.09	June 21..... 6.49
June 25..... 6.03	June 26..... 6.03	June 28..... 6.42
July 2..... 6.05	July 3..... 6.05	July 5..... 6.33
July 9..... 6.06	July 10..... 6.06	July 12..... 6.26
July 16..... 6.01	July 17..... 6.01	July 19..... 6.17
July 23..... 6.08	July 24..... 6.08	July 26..... 6.17
July 30..... 6.08	July 31..... 6.08	Aug. 2..... 6.21
Aug. 6..... 6.10	Aug. 7..... 6.10	Aug. 9..... 6.24
Aug. 13..... 6.08	Aug. 14..... 6.08	Aug. 16..... 6.23
Aug. 20..... 6.09	Aug. 21..... 6.09	Aug. 23..... 6.21
Aug. 27..... 6.04	Aug. 28..... 6.04	Aug. 30..... 6.15
Sept. 3..... 6.05	Sept. 4..... 6.05	Sept. 6..... 6.19
Sept. 10..... 6.07	Sept. 11..... 6.07	Sept. 13..... 6.26
Sept. 17..... 6.06	Sept. 18..... 6.06	Sept. 20..... 6.25
Sept. 24..... 6.08	Sept. 25..... 6.08	Sept. 27..... 6.28
Oct. 1..... 6.00	Oct. 2..... 6.00	Oct. 4..... 6.17
Oct. 8..... 5.97	Oct. 9..... 5.97	Oct. 11..... 6.11
Oct. 15..... 6.01	Oct. 16..... 6.01	Oct. 18..... 6.08
Oct. 22..... 5.97	Oct. 23..... 5.97	Oct. 25..... 6.05
Oct. 29..... 5.96	Oct. 30..... 5.96	Nov. 1..... 6.00
Nov. 5..... 5.95	Nov. 6..... 5.95	Nov. 8..... 6.00
Nov. 12..... 6.01	Nov. 13..... 6.01	Nov. 15..... 6.04
Nov. 19..... 6.10	Nov. 20..... 6.10	Nov. 22..... 6.02
Nov. 26..... 6.16	Nov. 27..... 6.16	Nov. 29..... 5.99
Dec. 3..... 6.14	Dec. 4..... 6.14	Dec. 6..... 5.99
Dec. 10..... 6.18	Dec. 11..... 6.18	Dec. 13..... 5.96
Dec. 17..... 6.15	Dec. 18..... 6.15	Dec. 20..... 5.96
Dec. 24..... 6.12	Dec. 25..... 6.12	Dec. 27..... 5.97
Dec. 31.....		
Average.....	Average..... \$6.03	Average..... \$6.34

Notes: The Wholesale food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Free Associations. (1930-32=100)

	MAY 1957	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957
1.....	285.07	287.67	290.66	294.89	299.78
2.....	285.25	287.68	290.66	294.87	299.78
3.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
4.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
5.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
6.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
7.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
8.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
9.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
10.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
11.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
12.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
13.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
14.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
15.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
16.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
17.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
18.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
19.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
20.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
21.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
22.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
23.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
24.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
25.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
26.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
27.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
28.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
29.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
30.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
31.....	285.81	287.76	290.66	294.87	299.78
	(*) Holiday	(†) Sunday			
	High	Low			
1957.....	300.82	Jan. 15	285.07	May 1	
1956.....	301.71	Nov. 30	278.79	Jan. 17	
1955.....	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3	
1954.....	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30	
1953.....	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8	

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	APRIL 1957	APRIL 1956	MARCH 1957		APRIL 1957	APRIL 1956	MARCH 1957
New England:				South Atlantic:			
Boston, Mass.....	\$1,554,000	\$10,228,898	\$3,509,800	Asheville, N. C.....	\$373,620	\$282,730	\$151,001
Bridgeport, Conn.....	920,465	835,190	1,031,250	Atlanta, Ga.....	9,655,330	3,847,345	5,264,726
Bristol, Conn.....	342,284	476,199	258,810	Augusta, Ga.....	459,710	343,769	454,711
Brockton, Mass.....	292,305	1,725,884	1,358,700	Baltimore, Md.....	5,759,928	4,719,558	7,639,252
Cambridge, Mass.....	983,185	490,583	1,184,845	Charleston, S. C.....	169,271	377,245	377,245
Chelsea, Mass.....	9,105	63,709	72,460	Charlotte, N. C.....	1,403,808	2,418,660	1,363,315
Everett, Mass.....	112,792	84,243	2,136,462	Coral Gables, Fla.....	1,392,225	1,109,268	731,023
Fall River, Mass.....	219,090	223,625	90,695	Greensboro, N. C.....	1,142,448	1,190,546	2,022,753
Fitchburg, Mass.....	495,172	76,855	165,200	Greenville, S. C.....	658,767	1,007,495	163,850
Greenwich, Conn.....	1,213,985	1,834,250	1,582,835	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,325,258	1,435,795	2,499,284
Hartford, Conn.....	1,465,142	540,994	2,206,708	Lynchburg, Va.....	1,064,660	478,875	937,130
Haverhill, Mass.....	327,575	145,075	1,040,430	Macon, Ga.....	390,901	389,635	280,852
Holyoke, Mass.....	208,875	275,000	188,450	Miami, Fla.....	5,490,103	4,728,192	4,551,947
Lawrence, Mass.....	142,204	479,043	189,325	Miami Beach, Fla.....	2,176,937	1,338,842	4,626,757
Lowell, Mass.....	424,190	375,365	125,285	Norfolk, Va.....	609,515	1,555,560	700,793
Lynn, Mass.....	323,945	463,024	122,250	Richmond, Va.....	1,617,637	7,095,292	1,128,695
Manchester, N. H.....	1,011,731	564,875	280,152	Roanoke, Va.....	795,075	2,667,050	416,396
Medford, Mass.....	683,275	105,600	495,475	Savannah, Ga.....	2,215,560	445,560	322,375
New Bedford, Mass.....	324,535	453,830	743,340	Tampa, Fla.....	4,441,113	3,638,220	3,691,970
New Britain, Conn.....	558,375	581,950	431,100	Washington, D. C.....	9,098,532	3,179,719	4,429,171
New Haven, Conn.....	610,398	779,342	7,426,970	Winston Salem, N. C.	3,275,120	704,270	752,801
Newton, Mass.....	507,750	696,600	1,525,535				
Norwalk, Conn.....	766,900	1,020,200	847,531	Total So. Atlantic.....	\$51,427,308	\$42,741,264	\$42,706,227
Portland, Me.....	481,170	585,320	212,165				
Providence, R. I.....	567,100	944,050	459,750	East Central:			
Quincy, Mass.....	189,514	577,451	555,938	Akron, Ohio.....	\$5,175,636	\$4,599,465	\$4,079,736
Salem, Mass.....	248,750	528,238	1,016,029	Bay City, Mich.....	270,981	956,246	825,000
Somerville, Mass.....	94,615	106,170	84,555	Berwyn, Ills.....	260,745	639,570	596,475
Springfield, Mass.....	1,614,939	1,314,518	528,833	Bluefield, W. Va.....	75,000	69,865	75,000
Stamford, Conn.....	1,500,000	1,483,850	5,237,063	Canton, Ohio.....	436,964	759,215	873,879
Waterbury, Conn.....	365,575	640,000	635,050	Chicago, Ills.....	27,548,957	37,632,845	33,610,997
West Hartford, Conn.....	1,030,882	5,009,987	921,722	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	9,090,325	9,161,175	6,848,800
Worcester, Mass.....	3,628,733	492,550	1,191,325	Clarksville, W. Va.....	166,075	242,230	126,300
Total New England....	\$23,288,176	\$34,202,468	\$37,866,038	Cleveland, Ohio.....	8,543,200	7,991,400	5,693,200
				Columbus, Ohio.....	3,954,975	3,715,125	4,149,645
Middle Atlantic:				Dayton, Ohio.....	1,306,630	1,192,740	1,357,385
Manhattan.....	\$8,995,000	\$1,520,000	\$57,730,000	Detroit, Mich.....	11,457,444	7,540,093	12,357,588
Manhattan.....	3,924,695	5,972,875	1,809,960	East St. Louis, Ills.....	500,000	453,000	309,875
Bronx.....	3,544,000	4,404,200	2,769,650	Evansville, Ind.....	1,079,125	1,164,169	1,124,612
Bronx.....	252,705	929,150	710,175	Evansville, Ind.....	217,428	575,480	258,600
Brooklyn.....	42,606,952	7,679,400	5,441,500	Flint, Mich.....	2,039,690	2,302,050	1,103,275
Brooklyn.....	8,320,675	1,842,475	2,611,720	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	645,028	1,755,137	614,207
Queens.....	10,834,100	8,976,250	6,783,900	Gary, Ind.....	1,965,654	2,777,004	845,486
Queens.....	2,574,085	725,810	1,301,895	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	358,375	1,234,015	610,006
Richmond.....	1,438,400	1,287,971	7,749,800	Green Bay, Wis.....	1,906,899	2,431,505	1,989,143
Richmond.....	946,675	115,710	274,550	Hammond, Ind.....	601,082	1,958,978	829,595
Total N. Y. City.....	\$89,437,287	\$33,453,589	\$81,243,150	Huntington, W. Va.....	2,211,174	738,398	196,700
(el) Alterations.....			(el) Alterations	Indianapolis, Ind.....	3,316,706	3,986,292	8,986,292
				Lansing, Mich.....	835,945	1,327,599	994,885
Albany, N. Y.....	\$1,773,017	\$721,111	\$857,948	Lima, Ohio.....	187,075	888,358	188,600
Allentown, Pa.....	2,069,525	2,069,525	872,880	Louisville, Ky.....	3,063,614	4,696,155	1,628,942
Allentown, Pa.....	268,182	392,372	157,995	Madison, Wisc.....	2,621,964	1,589,445	1,589,328
Atlantic City, N. J.....	162,157	70,000	113,758	Milwaukee, Wisc.....	8,143,740	11,540,517	8,218,406
Auburn, N. Y.....	203,000	190,300	250,570	Newark, Ohio.....	903,721	463,155	259,230
Bayonne, N. J.....	104,670	74,443	36,000	Oak Park, Ills.....	2,521,104	359,539	104,930
Binghamton, N. Y.....	363,504	203,749	462,384	Peoria, Ills.....	3,445,484	633,625	447,478
Buffalo, N. Y.....	725,044	1,783,499	2,433,353	Pontiac, Mich.....	481,724	763,233	404,225
Camden, N. J.....	224,596	116,985	238,693	Quincy, Ills.....	879,707	272,897	176,468
East Orange, N. J.....	1,953,928	168,873	258,223	Racine, Wisc.....	1,062,355	1,365,654	726,394
Elizabeth, N. J.....	303,345	481,440	135,440	Rockford, Ills.....	1,408,750	5,595,130	1,011,525
Elmira, N. Y.....	246,215	85,000	114,525	Saginaw, Mich.....	942,998	1,651,600	772,407
Eric, Pa.....	1,507,005	885,000	4,105,908	South Bend, Ind.....	916,213	1,163,227	1,167,525
Harrisburg, Pa.....	507,505	1,585,070	31,355	Springfield, Ills.....	418,214	472,759	362,687
Jamestown, N. Y.....	152,830	671,739	376,896	Springfield, Ohio.....	521,965	237,000	194,074
Jersey City, N. J.....	287,555	830,421	218,534	Superior, Wisc.....	247,207	311,544	335,520
Lancaster, Pa.....	368,989	981,308	95,415	Terre Haute, Ind.....	216,090	41,750	701,495
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	468,928	973,110	141,799	Toledo, Ohio.....	1,737,180	1,900,283	921,440
Newark, N. J.....	3,634,835	6,272,825	561,135	Waukegan, Ills.....	1,222,613	913,155	938,949
New Brunswick, N. J.....	97,450	993,245	152,100	Wheeling, W. Va.....	485,930	243,800	777,165
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	561,460	677,962	448,940	Youngstown, Ohio.....	1,648,875	1,573,627	1,277,524
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	469,735	897,883	1,029,193	Zanesville, Ohio.....	91,616	35,975	40,890
Philadelphia, Pa.....	13,537,200	14,033,820	9,059,140	Total East Central..	\$114,140,048	\$127,956,638	\$110,898,083
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	7,222,707	4,526,650	7,306,977				
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	144,900	1,210,959	27,000	South Central:			
Reading, Pa.....	1,152,730	479,306	542,824	Abilene, Texas.....	\$2,167,538	\$1,506,482	\$953,840
Rochester, N. Y.....	2,328,079	1,372,519	850,612	Amarillo, Texas.....	1,677,493	1,879,528	2,882,326
Schenectady, N. Y.....	241,573	969,062	256,493	Austin, Texas.....	4,423,863	5,543,833	2,345,579
Scranton, Pa.....	47,521	181,329	812,881	Beaumont, Texas.....	2,128,281	842,072	1,310,689
Syracuse, N. Y.....	1,443,079	1,935,900	4,044,807	Birmingham, Ala.....	3,261,573	3,522,939	2,449,795
Troy, N. Y.....	98,205	161,190	82,283	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	916,322	1,711,566	941,148
Utica, N. Y.....	1,067,700	160,550	464,750	Dallas, Texas.....	9,631,901	8,939,442	13,723,339
Watertown, N. Y.....	186,175	101,324	338,253	El Paso, Texas.....	2,438,456	2,223,166	2,411,256
White Plains, N. Y.....	2,416,390	958,454	696,890	Fort Smith, Ark.....	588,870	375,015	321,805
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	113,309	148,730	105,975	Fort Worth, Texas.....	2,340,306	3,527,113	4,095,356
Williamsport, Pa.....	98,304	150,558	197,210	Galveston, Texas.....	1,268,085	1,397,759	1,373,302
Wilmington, Del.....	327,615	673,095	432,450	Houston, Texas.....	14,776,905	15,397,759	16,531,087
Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,874,765	1,074,244	1,091,814	Jackson, Miss.....	3,857,510	1,616,566	783,412
York, Pa.....	191,548	165,709	158,850	Knoxville, Tenn.....	980,550	790,998	2,076,995
Total Middle Atl.....	\$131,698,857	\$82,912,848	\$121,164,310	Little Rock, Ark.....	449,791	843,738	2,054,356
(el) Estimated.....				Memphis, Tenn.....	4,457,445	4,950,288	2,792,313
				Mobile, Ala.....	5,414,724	812,123	1,977,984

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	APRIL 1957	APRIL 1956	MARCH 1957		APRIL 1957	APRIL 1956	MARCH 1957
So. Cent. (Cont.)							
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$1,262,950	\$1,862,078	\$821,540	Mountain:			
Muskogee, Okla.....	243,050	161,250	269,600	Albuquerque, N. Mex.....	\$2,328,434	\$2,397,427	\$3,780,328
Nashville, Tenn.....	822,703	1,045,947	656,897	Billings, Mont.....	685,100	580,400	806,900
New Orleans, La.....	4,621,164	8,642,185	5,510,843	Boise, Idaho.....	399,698	442,992	354,031
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	2,522,629	3,142,805	2,406,090	Butte, Mont.....	79,035	166,115	122,121
Port Arthur, Texas.....	916,420	386,838	309,540	Colorado Springs, Col.....	679,790	1,492,890	982,022
San Angelo, Texas.....	415,038	670,238	424,296	Denver, Col.....	8,671,570	9,960,400	6,441,850
San Antonio, Texas.....	3,657,807	5,130,591	4,780,025	Great Falls, Mont.....	1,082,007	472,720	1,022,437
Shreveport, La.....	1,997,961	2,383,946	1,348,811	Ogden, Utah.....	580,000	1,553,600	1,393,300
Tulsa, Okla.....	2,331,160	1,193,000	2,853,520	Phoenix, Ariz.....	2,212,142	1,460,250	2,130,312
Waco, Texas.....	816,594	2,187,680	536,948	Pueblo, Col.....	579,947	506,973	669,604
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	2,891,907	714,280	945,439	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	1,418,566	2,015,337	2,836,907
				Tucson, Ariz.....	1,619,672	986,920	3,931,160
Total So. Central.....	\$82,445,303	\$83,340,551	\$78,652,140	Total Mountain.....	\$20,335,961	\$22,036,024	\$24,470,972
West Central:							
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	\$940,739	\$2,419,903	\$1,375,922	Pacific:			
Davenport, Iowa.....	645,102	1,083,165	453,410	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$710,925	\$1,240,204	\$667,936
Des Moines, Iowa.....	2,723,785	2,181,334	1,202,012	Berkeley, Cal.....	654,891	1,212,045	1,762,964
Dubuque, Iowa.....	409,361	457,643	357,093	Beverly Hills, Cal.....	1,581,453	1,079,523	507,066
Duluth, Minn.....	691,390	1,367,234	381,853	Fresno, Cal.....	1,089,452	1,730,381	1,106,950
Fargo, N. D.....	930,065	980,635	229,440	Glendale, Cal.....	1,475,284	1,519,776	936,145
Kansas City, Kas.....	530,375	519,538	317,435	Long Beach, Cal.....	8,859,808	3,800,220	4,368,675
Kansas City, Mo.....	4,832,000	4,600,000	3,406,000	Los Angeles, Cal.....	57,095,189	36,499,805	51,937,409
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,331,124	1,229,247	875,919	Oakland, Cal.....	2,979,426	3,928,634	2,187,768
Minneapolis, Minn.....	6,977,064	4,133,687	2,884,621	Pasadena, Cal.....	2,237,891	1,398,262	1,612,744
Omaha, Neb.....	2,485,091	3,775,325	2,417,434	Portland, Ore.....	4,058,400	5,302,375	3,675,225
St. Joseph, Mo.....	686,150	623,725	167,800	Sacramento, Cal.....	1,592,421	3,384,584	1,509,680
St. Louis, Mo.....	4,580,450	3,796,324	1,957,012	San Diego, Cal.....	15,046,106	8,588,699	9,750,221
St. Paul, Minn.....	3,841,011	3,485,278	1,956,208	San Francisco, Cal.....	11,654,325	5,515,258	7,254,487
Sioux Falls, Iowa.....	393,095	582,650	839,136	San Jose, Cal.....	9,147,945	5,270,810	3,132,895
Sioux Falls, S. D.....	729,941	1,263,922	603,055	Seattle, Wash.....	5,466,250	8,339,605	4,087,725
Topeka, Kas.....	1,097,770	651,711	1,938,200	Spokane, Wash.....	2,172,016	2,683,552	2,859,085
Wichita, Kas.....	2,675,929	3,014,291	2,588,430	Stockton, Cal.....	1,112,416	1,690,687	4,961,117
				Tacoma, Wash.....	1,360,975	1,543,342	2,661,299
Total West Central.....	\$36,470,442	\$36,165,613	\$23,950,990	Total Pacific.....	\$128,291,173	\$94,737,762	\$104,979,391
				Total 217 Cities.....	\$588,097,268	\$524,093,168	\$544,688,151

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	4 MONTHS 1957	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955		4 MONTHS 1957	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955
New England:							
Boston, Mass.....	\$7,358,800	\$18,135,566	\$12,566,235	Middle Atl. (Cont.):			
Bridgeton, Conn.....	3,997,365	3,260,230	3,279,860	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$611,320	\$605,059	\$434,245
Bristol, Conn.....	905,154	1,463,414	1,518,337	Bayonne, N. J.....	407,785	281,443	1,193,280
Brockton, Mass.....	1,861,405	5,483,068	2,462,208	Binghamton, N. Y.....	1,807,216	887,128	781,935
Cambridge, Mass.....	2,818,060	1,343,813	2,329,080	Buffalo, N. Y.....	4,451,338	4,350,094	6,276,199
Chelsea, Mass.....	109,260	171,029	145,736	Camden, N. J.....	1,122,580	924,186	743,216
Everett, Mass.....	2,626,014	209,889	2,317,468	East Orange, N. J.....	2,518,348	3,552,957	3,92,899
Fall River, Mass.....	598,210	515,955	881,478	Elizabeth, N. J.....	1,541,958	1,147,194	1,080,885
Fitchburg, Mass.....	1,038,817	243,510	447,085	Elmira, N. J.....	814,233	433,280	524,569
Greenwich, Conn.....	3,902,874	4,484,197	3,740,318	Erle, Pa.....	8,176,458	2,533,810	4,351,225
Hartford, Conn.....	10,492,544	2,050,174	17,231,437	Harrisburg, Pa.....	2,587,305	2,634,000	7,065,473
Haverhill, Mass.....	1,944,430	304,750	580,990	Jersey City, N. J.....	942,452	956,077	3,630,203
Holyoke, Mass.....	1,325,450	683,450	996,410	Lancaster, Pa.....	614,845	1,374,059	1,113,907
Lawrence, Mass.....	423,404	982,013	780,185	Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	888,210	2,324,752	2,618,827
Lowell, Mass.....	823,775	1,360,875	729,685	Newark, N. J.....	6,442,195	13,269,787	2,553,974
Lynn, Mass.....	988,695	1,033,121	769,609	New Brunswick, N. J.....	686,335	1,494,645	4,215,458
Manchester, N. H.....	1,961,318	1,929,734	3,420,008	New Rochelle, N. Y.....	2,692,518	2,692,518	7,180,438
Medford, Mass.....	1,299,120	496,010	728,350	Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	3,208,160	2,710,944	2,470,167
New Bedford, Mass.....	1,355,196	2,276,466	726,570	Philadelphia, Pa.....	34,309,650	40,413,860	43,409,370
New Britain, Conn.....	1,450,875	1,301,050	1,685,950	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	20,283,260	10,300,631	19,443,231
New Haven, Conn.....	8,712,388	2,453,128	4,007,964	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	290,400	1,757,315	468,486
Newton, Mass.....	3,210,785	1,364,315	2,537,330	Reading, Pa.....	2,309,109	1,319,062	1,946,164
Norwalk, Conn.....	2,907,716	3,638,384	4,693,081	Rochester, N. Y.....	5,369,540	3,282,149	6,245,465
Portland, Me.....	1,308,101	6,486,548	1,745,541	Schenectady, N. Y.....	2,108,461	1,339,833	1,356,148
Providence, R. I.....	1,838,200	2,056,950	2,790,950	Scranton, Pa.....	1,650,467	1,086,768	1,425,218
Quincy, Mass.....	1,434,405	1,363,960	1,410,958	Syracuse, N. Y.....	6,531,631	5,106,840	6,019,725
Salem, Mass.....	1,652,949	2,249,118	1,070,080	Troy, N. Y.....	365,132	468,950	434,563
Somerville, Mass.....	375,277	262,316	324,510	Utica, N. Y.....	1,636,175	1,192,050	539,250
Springfield, Mass.....	3,318,529	6,619,754	5,121,226	Watertown, N. Y.....	589,456	277,991	236,314
Stamford, Conn.....	10,852,948	4,884,063	5,062,077	White Plains, N. Y.....	5,669,989	5,570,769	1,835,117
Waterbury, Conn.....	1,491,075	2,692,830	2,009,779	Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	338,339	508,441	870,840
West Hartford, Conn.....	1,431,259	7,714,187	3,406,137	Williamstown, Pa.....	687,026	655,724	503,006
Worcester, Mass.....	7,354,233	2,047,120	1,941,994	Wilmington, Del.....	3,583,132	2,156,839	3,473,155
				Yonkers, N. Y.....	4,630,308	5,732,683	4,476,250
Total New England.....	\$95,188,631	\$86,951,190	\$94,771,326	York, Pa.....	986,877	900,777	554,379
				Total Middle Atl.....	\$417,840,371	\$375,707,587	\$357,138,327
Middle Atlantic:							
Manhattan.....	\$94,513,894	\$108,299,798	\$78,474,986	South Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....	16,011,905	14,022,085	8,958,390	Asheville, N. C.....	\$1,206,916	\$2,651,731	\$1,067,358
Bronx.....	13,749,950	24,397,000	10,933,842	Atlanta, Ga.....	24,142,464	17,829,769	27,835,926
Bronx.....	3,017,980	2,431,385	2,285,173	Augusta, Ga.....	1,590,896	1,475,779	2,781,765
Brooklyn.....	60,773,202	29,385,950	32,821,730	Baltimore, Md.....	33,361,018	23,761,338	33,059,150
Brooklyn.....	14,802,060	8,970,865	7,086,700	Charleston, S. C.....	887,698	745,042	775,211
Queens.....	56,889,960	46,350,683	49,167,628	Charlotte, N. C.....	5,360,417	8,309,591	9,961,946
Queens.....	5,536,060	5,410,815	4,153,722	Coral Gables, Fla.....	4,276,262	3,867,900	4,999,344
Richmond.....	5,238,650	4,163,419	3,393,580	Greensboro, N. C.....	6,030,930	4,971,056	3,618,105
Richmond.....	1,405,000	442,565	352,535	Greenville, S. C.....	1,221,196	2,851,476	2,275,148
				Jacksonville, Fla.....	8,895,678	6,699,810	6,008,879
Total New York City.....	\$271,938,661	\$236,874,565	\$206,628,286	Lynchburg, Va.....	3,341,065	4,868,010	3,546,617
(a) New York.....	(a) Alterations.....			Macon, Ga.....	1,394,017	1,552,482	937,285
Albany, N. Y.....	\$3,781,883	\$2,747,032	\$4,290,398	Miami, Fla.....	18,426,979	16,029,797	18,361,965
Albany, N. Y.....	2,974,930	5,983,560	3,417,990	Miami Beach, Fla.....	13,603,213	3,791,078	11,003,526
Altoona, Pa.....	686,647	956,108	478,670	Norfolk, Va.....	2,873,546	4,562,719	4,281,701
Atlantic City, N. J.....	590,281	2,802,522	526,778				

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	4 MONTHS 1957	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955		4 MONTHS 1957	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955
South Atl. (Cont.)				South Cent. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	\$7,915,299	\$11,938,435	\$6,999,108	Mobile, Ala.....	\$14,444,988	\$4,513,956	\$6,249,736
Roanoke, Va.....	2,893,036	10,446,657	4,106,843	Montgomery, Ala.....	3,415,427	5,056,851	3,710,571
Savannah, Ga.....	1,044,475	1,749,484	1,990,925	Muskogee, Okla.....	731,100	459,600	371,400
Tampa, Fla.....	16,446,227	18,997,258	17,037,160	Nashville, Tenn.....	2,221,345	3,865,346	4,169,536
Washington, D. C.....	21,247,495	16,942,886	23,395,260	New Orleans, La.....	21,332,209	31,456,618	45,604,573
Winston Salem, N. C.	6,966,685	4,597,219	3,899,150	Oklahoma City, Okla.	10,670,109	11,575,036	17,751,912
Total South Atl.....	\$183,131,512	\$168,639,566	\$187,944,402	Port Arthur, Texas...	2,132,825	1,640,416	1,861,235
East Central:				San Angelo, Texas...	4,785,145	2,439,456	2,841,660
Akron, Ohio.....	\$13,268,991	\$14,564,671	\$10,617,029	San Antonio, Texas...	16,550,047	26,474,699	21,595,414
Bay City, Mich.....	1,420,820	1,503,594	1,141,034	Shreveport, La.....	6,621,377	10,248,602	14,352,322
Berwyn, Ills.....	1,139,445	1,235,479	1,879,968	Tulsa, Okla.....	6,482,431	6,205,510	8,341,672
Bluefield, W. Va....	203,800	206,245	635,595	Waco, Texas.....	5,154,948	5,896,269	5,038,631
Canton, Ohio.....	2,504,303	2,142,668	1,715,847	Wichita Falls, Texas...	5,634,545	3,174,900	4,477,740
Chicago, Ills.....	119,501,876	111,939,587	77,974,100	Total South Cent....	\$330,754,118	\$338,519,072	\$368,236,557
Cincinnati, Ohio....	23,396,800	17,593,795	12,198,010	West Central:			
Clarksville, W. Va...	601,006	545,487	673,238	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$2,968,193	\$5,425,181	\$4,647,934
Cleveland, Ohio.....	19,064,300	24,083,400	19,343,300	Des Moines, Iowa...	5,904,923	6,488,001	11,045,741
Columbus, Ohio.....	16,233,120	11,670,105	10,369,705	Dubuque, Iowa.....	1,350,499	2,351,384	1,249,014
Dayton, Ohio.....	4,760,985	6,517,179	11,655,053	Duluth, Minn.....	1,377,166	2,180,164	2,354,650
Detroit, Mich.....	36,197,694	32,582,826	44,539,258	Fargo, N. D.....	1,387,755	1,145,660	2,129,665
East St. Louis, Ills...	910,452	1,867,900	1,128,070	Kansas City, Kan....	2,126,558	3,198,323	3,549,558
Evansville, Ind.....	6,932,287	3,716,562	4,331,096	Kansas City, Mo.....	14,531,000	14,540,000	23,545,000
Evansville, Ind.....	702,028	1,548,562	1,606,366	Lincoln, Neb.....	2,905,624	4,363,878	5,427,884
Flint, Mich.....	5,733,855	7,940,455	9,490,675	Minneapolis, Minn...	13,355,283	8,560,540	14,409,554
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	3,581,073	4,679,877	6,179,957	Omaha, Neb.....	8,497,798	10,214,420	7,357,542
Gary, Ind.....	4,138,296	5,950,834	4,817,715	St. Joseph, Mo.....	1,309,000	1,248,675	2,422,632
Grand Rapids, Mich...	1,610,886	2,296,565	1,151,210	St. Louis, Mo.....	11,655,336	11,733,956	21,117,845
Green Bay, Wis.....	3,186,841	4,119,623	7,643,074	St. Paul, Minn.....	12,643,258	9,498,379	9,650,203
Hammond, Ind.....	3,180,741	6,225,640	4,723,917	Sioux City, Iowa...	1,585,231	1,729,725	1,159,550
Huntington, W. Va...	1,285,136	1,530,934	1,491,871	Sioux Falls, S. D...	1,723,908	2,495,996	2,946,298
Indianapolis, Ind...	10,560,223	10,399,646	7,872,606	Topeka, Kas.....	4,367,080	2,422,941	2,596,834
Lansing, Mich.....	2,305,431	3,705,859	7,299,528	Wichita, Kas.....	9,411,786	12,798,777	19,373,833
Lima, Ohio.....	1,610,425	1,297,650	885,150	Total West Central..	\$99,370,597	\$104,323,176	\$138,068,155
Louisville, Ky.....	6,789,172	12,875,732	7,558,780	Mountain:			
Madison, Wis.....	4,922,113	3,340,182	3,669,029	Albuquerque, N. M...	\$11,043,275	\$11,560,188	\$15,266,358
Madison, Wis.....	35,291,886	29,987,271	31,259,605	Billings, Mont.....	1,713,400	2,038,950	2,012,750
Milwaukee, Wis.....	2,017,426	1,761,085	1,761,085	Boise, Idaho.....	1,152,461	1,323,349	1,269,795
Newark, Ohio.....	5,058,642	799,608	955,648	Butte, Mont.....	767,156	285,570	100,428
Oak Park, Ills.....	4,769,987	3,819,758	3,938,611	Colorado Springs, Col.	3,663,652	6,021,556	7,579,895
Peoria, Ills.....	1,770,501	2,492,273	3,273,037	Denver, Col.....	23,665,470	34,223,453	36,829,600
Pontiac, Mich.....	2,780,414	1,101,935	1,294,746	Great Falls, Mont...	4,112,254	2,573,200	1,821,061
Quincy, Ills.....	3,441,214	4,611,517	4,710,363	Ogden, Utah.....	2,563,900	3,184,179	3,600,500
Rockford, Ills.....	3,953,815	6,080,730	6,881,710	Phoenix, Ariz.....	8,158,654	7,536,899	7,034,673
Saginaw, Mich.....	2,449,199	3,014,639	2,961,253	Pueblo, Colo.....	3,414,862	2,910,823	4,264,719
South Bend, Ind...	5,092,966	3,607,740	4,863,870	Salt Lake City, Utah	5,331,471	7,062,605	5,844,614
Springfield, Ills...	1,071,586	4,150,369	1,602,252	Tucson, Ariz.....	7,787,852	5,721,654	4,050,451
Springfield, Ohio...	2,063,219	671,185	1,719,650	Total Mountain.....	\$73,374,407	\$84,442,347	\$90,464,844
Superior, Wis.....	833,006	1,106,799	148,212	Pacific:			
Terre Haute, Ind...	1,191,035	988,653	748,346	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$3,196,048	\$5,561,665	\$4,366,983
Toledo, Ohio.....	4,507,420	5,796,660	6,871,234	Berkeley, Cal.....	3,609,388	2,558,916	3,247,598
Waukegan, Ills.....	2,599,812	4,852,631	1,632,703	Beverly Hills, Cal...	4,012,315	2,628,282	3,415,927
Wheeling, W. Va.....	3,440,223	1,202,311	1,161,840	Fresno, Cal.....	4,741,481	6,230,792	10,133,894
Youngstown, Ohio...	4,771,660	6,096,532	3,990,732	Glendale, Cal.....	4,940,905	7,837,885	4,929,970
Zanesville, Ohio...	306,806	222,135	164,922	Long Beach, Cal....	22,269,173	26,487,495	26,156,285
Total East Central..	\$388,109,816	\$378,948,101	\$344,558,070	Los Angeles, Cal....	177,437,202	148,076,856	138,803,295
South Central:				Oakland, Cal.....	11,973,840	11,795,366	8,739,998
Abilene, Texas.....	\$5,091,112	\$9,786,309	\$6,707,197	Pasadena, Cal.....	6,729,770	7,124,009	5,921,233
Amarillo, Texas.....	10,816,067	7,031,193	9,249,876	Portland, Ore.....	14,318,315	15,509,485	15,818,560
Austin, Texas.....	14,983,563	19,074,989	14,142,948	Sacramento, Cal....	7,095,151	13,857,323	9,323,684
Beaumont, Texas...	5,948,711	4,992,874	3,358,282	San Diego, Cal.....	45,308,094	29,694,888	29,373,715
Birmingham, Ala...	12,456,494	15,508,685	12,074,392	San Francisco, Cal...	27,464,320	22,581,414	18,595,452
Chattanooga, Tenn...	3,353,756	4,128,387	6,659,444	San Jose, Cal.....	19,756,059	17,085,259	11,477,579
Dallas, Texas.....	40,473,878	54,837,392	62,093,542	Seattle, Wash.....	21,209,722	24,269,315	25,600,500
El Paso, Texas.....	11,366,264	10,092,579	13,343,819	Spokane, Wash.....	8,164,132	8,139,283	7,922,626
Fort Smith, Ark....	2,015,520	1,727,658	1,353,679	Stockton, Cal.....	7,471,669	4,269,588	2,981,827
Fort Worth, Texas...	17,115,278	13,108,282	21,016,195	Tacoma, Wash.....	6,454,968	4,967,388	4,897,213
Galveston, Texas...	834,217	2,139,484	939,319	Total Pacific.....	\$396,152,588	\$358,675,389	\$331,709,339
Houston, Texas.....	81,089,256	56,919,203	52,700,167	Total 217 Cities....	\$1,983,922,040	\$1,896,206,428	\$1,912,891,020
Jackson, Miss.....	6,241,879	4,913,172	5,142,048				
Knoxville, Tenn...	3,598,311	4,376,404	3,561,622				
Little Rock, Ark....	4,343,174	3,120,278	4,669,204				
Memphis, Tenn.....	11,850,142	15,754,924	16,618,417				

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1955 TO DATE

TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES				NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
1957	1956	1955		1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Jan.....	\$417,388,126	\$431,357,658	\$406,628,525	\$50,783,539	\$61,735,949	\$49,423,105	\$366,604,587	\$369,621,709	\$357,205,420
Feb.....	433,748,495	437,622,349	442,092,367	56,474,685	89,172,555	47,687,734	377,273,810	348,449,794	394,404,633
Mar.....	544,688,151	503,133,253	542,997,099	81,243,150	52,512,472	59,577,583	463,445,001	450,620,781	483,419,516
Apr.....	588,097,268	524,093,168	521,173,029	83,437,287	33,453,589	49,939,864	504,659,981	490,639,579	471,233,165
May.....	596,114,034	565,327,637	565,327,637	70,889,351	65,782,634	65,782,634	525,224,683	499,545,003	499,545,003
June.....	558,856,212	634,030,839	634,030,839	50,349,355	99,080,484	99,080,484	508,505,857	534,950,355	534,950,355
July.....	593,229,352	511,841,797	511,841,797	95,455,909	51,383,412	51,383,412	497,773,443	460,458,385	460,458,385
Aug.....	615,258,760	555,829,122	555,829,122	114,957,757	41,436,766	41,436,766	500,301,003	514,392,356	514,392,356
Sept.....	526,234,213	477,025,801	477,025,801	96,679,762	58,177,460	58,177,460	429,554,451	418,848,341	418,848,341
Oct.....	535,228,128	487,392,751	487,392,751	72,251,619	44,087,975	44,087,975	462,976,509	443,304,776	443,304,776
Nov.....	489,401,866	426,366,384	426,366,384	74,795,675	55,764,815	55,764,815	414,006,191	373,601,569	373,601,569
Dec.....	386,355,828	349,091,618	349,091,618	49,355,515	45,121,585	45,121,585	337,000,313	303,970,033	303,970,033
Total.....	\$6,196,884,821	\$5,922,796,969	\$5,922,796,969	\$861,609,508	\$667,463,417	\$667,463,417	\$5,335,275,313	\$5,255,333,552	\$5,255,333,552

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	APR. 1957	MAR. 1957	FEB. 1957	APR. 1956	1957	FOUR MONTHS 1956	1955	1954
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine.....	43	33	41	42	168	191	185	139
New Hampshire.....	38	45	30	44	153	171	146	135
Vermont.....	32	18	18	25	83	82	84	59
Massachusetts.....	371	354	312	341	1,464	1,353	1,347	1,223
Connecticut.....	201	193	140	228	781	844	841	612
Rhode Island.....	99	91	85	108	401	436	424	340
Total New England.....	784	734	626	788	3,050	3,077	3,027	2,508
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York.....	2,255	2,383	2,151	2,434	9,724	10,357	10,613	8,977
New Jersey.....	797	773	587	807	3,021	3,238	3,082	2,541
Pennsylvania.....	442	396	303	335	1,583	1,586	1,463	1,330
Total Middle Atlantic.....	3,494	3,552	3,041	3,576	14,328	15,181	15,158	12,848
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio.....	569	500	654	725	2,555	3,095	2,825	2,369
Indiana.....	158	178	191	184	764	809	777	614
Illinois.....	600	623	512	646	2,416	2,716	2,112	1,845
Michigan.....	331	333	284	380	1,219	1,743	1,718	1,389
Wisconsin.....	212	184	174	232	743	871	788	570
Total East North Central.....	1,870	1,818	1,815	2,167	7,697	9,234	8,220	6,787
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota.....	148	146	117	145	587	576	658	537
Iowa.....	70	61	45	76	238	310	285	188
Missouri.....	193	191	173	175	751	885	922	694
North Dakota.....	18	16	7	19	60	79	78	67
South Dakota.....	17	26	23	22	91	84	104	77
Nebraska.....	63	73	52	45	246	242	215	170
Kansas.....	67	70	69	65	274	306	350	254
Total West North Central.....	576	583	486	547	2,247	2,482	2,612	1,987
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland.....	277	288	210	265	1,013	930	946	761
Delaware.....	290	343	265	287	1,244	1,089	1,306	975
Virginia.....	151	160	124	181	577	825	667	566
West Virginia.....	75	59	55	72	280	275	232	259
North Carolina.....	149	173	264	169	743	656	624	482
South Carolina.....	82	83	90	81	310	372	302	245
Georgia.....	169	186	167	174	764	742	733	562
Florida.....	902	811	792	770	3,317	2,910	2,414	1,719
Total South Atlantic.....	2,095	2,103	1,967	1,999	8,248	7,799	7,224	5,569
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky.....	104	99	82	98	397	416	376	262
Tennessee.....	115	120	104	101	477	513	550	439
Alabama.....	101	86	92	89	394	417	344	236
Mississippi.....	49	54	44	34	223	204	216	165
Total East South Central.....	369	359	322	322	1,491	1,550	1,486	1,102
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas.....	76	64	35	59	252	280	199	137
Oklahoma.....	147	117	96	125	487	523	540	412
Louisiana.....	196	156	149	177	724	653	553	367
Texas.....	437	307	503	733	1,536	2,222	1,829	1,414
Total West South Central.....	856	644	783	1,094	2,999	3,678	3,123	2,330
MOUNTAIN								
Montana.....	40	26	28	35	135	112	123	110
Idaho.....	30	31	46	51	135	179	153	119
Wyoming.....	19	19	14	18	80	93	117	82
Colorado.....	172	166	136	152	653	599	732	408
New Mexico.....	41	36	36	53	149	149	165	111
Arizona.....	146	129	102	103	530	469	434	344
Utah.....	52	47	47	60	207	196	265	169
Nevada.....	91	88	73	90	335	350	533	292
Total Mountain.....	591	542	482	562	2,224	2,147	2,522	1,635
PACIFIC								
Washington.....	145	116	113	116	526	591	641	450
Oregon.....	98	102	76	70	398	395	424	257
California.....	1,200	1,262	1,080	1,234	4,863	5,029	5,286	3,389
Total Pacific.....	1,443	1,480	1,269	1,420	5,787	6,015	6,351	4,096
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	12,078	11,815	10,791	12,475	48,071	51,163	49,723	38,862

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1947 to Date

	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	13,387	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112
February.....	10,791	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111
March.....	11,815	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247
April.....	12,078	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802
May.....	13,142	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	9,179
June.....	11,952	12,005	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	8,922
July.....	11,513	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	9,041
August.....	11,339	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	8,055
September.....	9,583	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	8,561
October.....	11,546	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	9,609
November.....	9,749	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	7,873
December.....	10,788	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	10,126
Total.....	140,775	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	112,638

Failures by Divisions of Industry—April and 4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Mining & Manufacturing:												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous.....	3	3	6	24	13	22	556	315	497	5,350	3,501	2,061
Food & Kindred Products.....	21	17	6	65	75	53	1,035	2,073	609	4,767	5,054	4,676
Textile Mill Products & Apparel....	33	59	32	182	218	172	2,705	4,763	1,036	12,816	13,685	8,739
Lumber & Lumber Products.....	31	30	30	151	131	99	1,548	2,749	1,228	8,124	9,267	4,712
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	7	5	8	43	32	40	223	609	109	1,847	1,314	2,053
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	8	2	3	23	13	16	448	70	60	2,074	2,182	964
Leather & Leather Products.....	4	8	8	26	31	29	955	399	796	3,568	1,649	1,653
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	4	4	8	21	10	18	342	1,465	116	1,097	2,327	1,084
Iron, Steel & Products.....	7	14	8	39	47	54	907	1,336	351	19,800	4,638	6,566
Machinery.....	17	17	17	88	104	100	2,928	937	6,137	10,473	11,119	17,312
Transportation Equipment.....	7	5	..	25	21	17	627	516	..	2,050	1,954	2,050
Miscellaneous.....	43	22	28	138	126	142	4,012	1,910	1,714	11,587	8,190	8,262
Total Mining & Manufacturing.....	190	186	154	825	821	762	16,286	17,142	12,653	83,553	64,880	60,132
Wholesale Trade:												
Food & Farm Products.....	27	19	21	100	94	107	1,642	810	1,158	7,803	3,183	4,512
Apparel.....	3	5	8	18	24	27	316	35	340	1,144	877	878
Dry Goods.....	4	2	4	10	14	15	127	49	121	235	300	597
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	17	11	12	49	58	49	928	380	880	2,427	3,872	2,479
Chemicals & Drugs.....	9	3	1	23	14	11	523	102	80	1,048	285	305
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment...	4	6	8	26	23	26	68	337	182	1,456	1,083	649
Miscellaneous.....	51	46	39	207	201	195	8,251	2,058	1,110	15,368	9,352	8,112
Total Wholesale Trade.....	115	92	93	433	428	430	11,855	4,090	3,871	29,481	18,952	17,532
Retail Trade:												
Food & Liquor.....	90	88	98	394	327	327	1,379	1,300	1,364	7,517	4,732	5,469
General Merchandise.....	27	30	18	110	98	72	2,103	1,748	609	5,827	5,034	1,970
Apparel & Accessories.....	100	72	68	431	402	319	2,046	1,137	1,253	8,576	8,416	6,120
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	94	55	80	372	280	292	3,758	1,592	2,083	13,713	8,649	9,015
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	39	36	33	162	122	109	1,106	1,020	989	5,257	3,748	2,816
Automotive Group.....	63	49	37	263	232	157	1,523	1,373	683	6,725	9,926	3,807
Eating & Drinking Places.....	104	89	95	435	365	347	2,966	1,353	2,412	11,506	7,326	7,264
Drug Stores.....	12	12	13	55	50	46	242	699	350	1,821	1,370	1,003
Miscellaneous.....	51	32	42	210	205	203	871	550	1,022	5,510	3,630	3,848
Total Retail Trade.....	580	463	484	2,432	2,081	1,872	15,994	10,772	10,765	66,452	52,831	41,312
Construction:												
General Building Contractors.....	66	62	32	290	214	131	5,288	3,858	3,947	22,321	15,184	16,676
Building Sub-Contractors.....	92	78	72	394	312	258	2,854	2,618	2,375	12,398	12,098	9,311
Other Contractors.....	13	13	2	50	35	25	948	498	128	3,907	1,980	1,599
Total Construction.....	172	153	106	734	570	414	9,090	6,967	6,450	38,626	30,100	27,586
Commercial Services:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation..	39	30	16	123	102	77	1,495	1,977	1,508	4,487	4,360	5,442
Miscellaneous Public Services.....	7	4	1	18	10	6	321	276	12	1,715	460	161
Hotels.....	7	3	2	17	17	12	498	17	15	1,978	2,133	1,900
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing.....	7	9	9	42	37	35	130	74	51	788	515	457
Laundries.....	3	4	7	16	13	22	49	58	269	1,184	370	717
Undertakers.....	1	1	..	2	2	2	16	6	9	16	10	74
Other Personal Services.....	8	5	7	24	28	27	87	55	74	328	302	286
Business & Repair Services.....	46	35	24	139	118	98	1,292	434	300	3,794	1,659	1,506
Total Commercial Service.....	118	91	66	381	327	279	3,878	2,900	2,229	14,290	9,809	10,543
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,175	985	903	4,805	4,227	3,757	57,103	41,871	35,968	232,402	176,572	157,105

Failures in Large Cities—April and 4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New York, N. Y.....	166	184	176	683	763	751	16,122	8,277	9,303	38,667	28,770	31,191
Chicago, Ills.....	25	18	23	104	90	98	1,815	315	707	7,882	7,716	4,114
Philadelphia, Pa.....	31	20	12	115	100	77	1,563	399	573	6,256	3,791	2,875
Detroit, Mich.....	13	6	11	80	45	40	1,113	145	2,283	4,809	1,476	5,365
Los Angeles, Cal.....	36	32	27	122	122	139	2,233	1,165	1,275	6,074	4,199	4,525
Cleveland, Ohio.....	10	5	5	46	44	27	289	178	126	1,715	1,482	1,077
Baltimore, Md.....	4	5	14	31	35	50	165	224	360	1,962	1,284	1,426
St. Louis, Mo.....	6	7	5	21	22	11	92	138	38	587	1,134	107
Boston, Mass.....	5	8	16	23	38	51	1,069	135	493	2,077	2,560	1,770
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	4	3	35	15	22	408	176	66	3,917	3,600	1,649
Washington, D. C.....	2	3	4	16	11	15	74	111	116	663	283	6,224
San Francisco, Cal.....	12	11	17	56	48	69	788	276	794	2,214	1,044	2,508
Milwaukee, Wisc.....	13	10	13	33	33	48	164	265	355	1,215	687	1,071
Buffalo, N. Y.....	7	5	6	27	16	22	219	140	142	1,654	1,123	820
New Orleans, La.....	6	4	4	16	13	14	164	88	645	555	291	1,223
Minneapolis, Minn.....	7	3	3	38	15	15	208	66	50	862	1,046	752
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2	5	..	11	16	10	158	273	..	422	571	452
Newark, N. J.....	9	5	3	26	38	30	731	106	65	1,590	2,166	2,122
Kansas City, Mo.....	5	2	1	21	8	2	164	20	72	873	411	101
Indianapolis, Ind.....	3	1	2	19	7	8	136	40	44	868	137	265
Houston, Texas.....	3	3	3	11	9	11	77	260	61	263	1,026	487
Seattle, Wash.....	8	11	5	42	39	23	1185	363	88	1,414	1,434	590
Rochester, N. Y.....	9	4	4	21	18	14	165	579	22	932	1,302	157
Louisville, Ky.....	2	6	..	3	17	2	37	264	..	41	622	73
Denver, Col.....	1	6	5	41	35	20	15	173	125	3,140	970	572
Total 25 Cities.....	389	368	362	1,641	1,597	1,569	28,154	14,176	17,803	90,652	65,885	71,216
Balance of Country.....	786	617	541	3,164	2,630	2,188	28,949	27,695	18,165	141,750	110,687	85,889
Total United States.....	1,175	985	903	4,805	4,227	3,757	57,103	41,871	35,968	232,402	176,572	157,105

United States Failures by States—April and 4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS								
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS					
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
New England:															
Maine.....	2	1	4	14	9	15	118	113	93	553	233	498			
New Hampshire.....	5	3	3	14	4	16	652	363	92	846	379	798			
Vermont.....	3	1	2	6	3	5	51	25	18	149	242	184			
Massachusetts.....	26	26	44	98	132	138	1,948	729	2,145	5,773	6,373	5,685			
Connecticut.....	16	8	16	80	47	58	637	672	340	18,963	3,144	1,693			
Rhode Island.....	13	13	9	58	64	33	325	487	194	2,310	4,568	1,123			
Total New England.....	65	52	78	270	259	265	3,731	2,389	2,882	28,594	14,939	9,981			
Middle Atlantic:															
New York.....	251	244	224	1,019	1,018	964	21,086	11,537	10,826	54,715	38,881	39,522			
New Jersey.....	56	39	29	225	205	147	3,119	3,026	607	13,328	10,790	8,223			
Pennsylvania.....	67	60	41	305	236	215	2,859	3,392	1,218	15,306	11,119	9,182			
Total Middle Atlantic.....	374	343	294	1,549	1,459	1,326	27,064	17,955	12,651	83,349	60,790	56,927			
East North Central:															
Ohio.....	31	31	22	211	162	117	1,100	1,391	564	8,583	7,728	3,694			
Indiana.....	13	8	8	45	35	33	451	1,536	443	2,218	2,087	2,370			
Illinois.....	53	33	29	205	152	140	2,436	662	867	13,279	10,301	5,309			
Michigan.....	39	27	24	192	123	81	1,776	793	3,147	8,589	5,526	7,206			
Wisconsin.....	32	19	32	88	81	114	1,254	451	861	3,469	2,207	2,520			
Total East North Central..	168	118	115	741	553	485	7,017	4,833	5,882	36,138	27,849	21,099			
West North Central:															
Minnesota.....	13	14	10	71	53	41	296	447	149	2,984	2,020	3,759			
Iowa.....	7	3	3	26	27	13	145	59	38	1,631	919	658			
Missouri.....	14	11	9	53	43	28	364	187	183	1,820	2,076	767			
North Dakota.....	3	1	1	4	4	..	79	53	..	115	129	..			
South Dakota.....	1	1	1	9	1	3	9	6	29	152	6	66			
Nebraska.....	5	..	2	18	10	8	73	..	1,508	391	442	1,889			
Kansas.....	8	5	10	29	25	17	227	1,014	283	1,637	1,989	567			
Total West North Central..	51	35	35	210	163	110	1,193	1,766	2,190	8,730	7,581	7,706			
South Atlantic:															
Maryland.....	4	6	16	47	53	58	165	252	394	2,415	2,254	1,735			
Delaware.....	3	..	1	6	2	1	92	..	15	408	171	15			
District of Columbia.....	2	3	4	16	11	15	74	111	116	663	283	6,223			
Virginia.....	6	7	5	44	40	19	157	425	309	1,481	1,385	716			
West Virginia.....	5	5	7	25	25	35	33	89	441	667	432	1,482			
North Carolina.....	7	4	5	41	36	20	198	101	149	1,582	823	1,463			
South Carolina.....	8	7	1	34	24	22	208	52	9	673	502	1,203			
Georgia.....	25	11	7	69	55	46	814	248	183	2,691	1,900	2,061			
Florida.....	35	36	25	129	138	80	1,094	827	631	5,059	2,961	4,112			
Total South Atlantic.....	95	79	71	411	384	296	2,835	2,105	2,247	15,639	10,711	18,990			
East South Central:															
Kentucky.....	7	12	3	19	32	13	439	744	25	779	1,261	314			
Tennessee.....	19	6	10	65	59	46	706	140	417	2,128	3,026	2,225			
Alabama.....	12	3	6	36	16	26	233	17	203	857	426	994			
Mississippi.....	6	4	8	36	21	23	123	199	247	1,180	785	681			
Total East South Central..	44	25	27	156	128	108	1,501	1,100	892	4,944	5,498	4,214			
West South Central:															
Arkansas.....	3	1	4	18	6	17	32	15	79	367	59	486			
Oklahoma.....	4	4	5	18	25	19	145	94	180	813	640	625			
Louisiana.....	19	16	10	63	45	30	1,104	628	885	2,472	1,873	1,655			
Texas.....	40	23	10	151	107	58	836	930	227	6,993	8,098	2,505			
Total West South Central..	66	44	29	250	183	124	2,117	1,667	1,371	10,645	10,670	5,271			
Mountain:															
Montana.....	3	3	..	7	14	5	73	55	..	170	210	135			
Idaho.....	1	..	1	9	5	3	10	..	16	226	157	145			
Wyoming.....	2	1	1	4	1	5	88	25	8	225	25	76			
Colorado.....	6	11	5	61	52	22	176	252	125	3,751	1,479	618			
New Mexico.....	1	3	1	8	11	4	6	2	60	852	319	130			
Arizona.....	10	9	11	38	36	37	147	556	111	1,072	2,044	791			
Utah.....	2	7	2	17	21	18	58	169	25	759	525	1,304			
Nevada.....	3	2	3	17	17	12	22	30	47	1,192	1,752	222			
Total Mountain.....	28	36	24	161	157	106	576	1,148	398	8,247	6,511	3,421			
Pacific:															
Washington.....	24	30	11	152	90	65	450	840	242	4,633	2,699	1,697			
Oregon.....	37	13	13	138	46	31	1,516	604	259	4,411	3,516	652			
California.....	223	210	206	767	805	841	9,103	7,464	6,954	27,072	25,808	27,147			
Total Pacific.....	284	253	230	1,057	941	937	11,069	8,908	7,455	36,116	32,023	29,496			
Total United States.....	1,175	985	903	4,805	4,227	3,757	57,103	41,871	35,968	232,402	176,572	157,105			

Canadian Failures by Provinces—April and 4 Months 1957, 1956, and 1955

Canada:	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS								
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS					
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Newfoundland.....	..	..	1	..	7	6	..	..	25	..	..	224	196		
Prince Edward Island.....	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	34	..	..	39			
Nova Scotia.....	2	1	1	7	2	4	27	175	94	302	192	426			
New Brunswick.....	..	..	..	6	4	3	..	..	..	89	243	45			
Quebec.....	68	60	72	297	247	328	1,693	1,030	1,868	8,894	7,102	7,931			
Ontario.....	30	45	32	176	169	136	1,459	2,999	1,153	9,464	11,933	4,032			
Manitoba.....	6	9	4	20	19	22	403	165	42	921	2,520	1,132			
Saskatchewan.....	2	3	2	12	6	10	114	165	99	332	207	595			
Alberta.....	13	..	3	19	1	5	324	..	172	1,295	15	192			
British Columbia.....	2	5	8	14	20	31	31	107	95	765	1,063	777			
Total Canada.....	123	123	124	551	475	547	4,091	4,641	3,582	22,062	23,499	15,365			

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—April and 4 Months 1957 and 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	APRIL 1957				FOUR MONTHS 1957				FOUR MONTHS 1956			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MINING & MANUFACTURING.....	190	100.0	16,286	16,439	825	100.0	83,553	84,804	821	100.0	64,880	66,671
Under \$5,000.....	16	8.4	55	55	77	9.3	235	235	71	8.6	223	223
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	79	41.6	1,013	1,013	316	38.3	3,874	3,874	315	38.4	3,936	3,936
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	58	30.5	2,661	2,661	256	31.0	12,338	12,338	279	34.0	13,747	13,747
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	36	19.0	10,516	10,669	169	20.5	44,336	45,084	147	17.9	34,675	35,615
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	2,041	2,041	7	0.9	22,770	23,273	9	1.1	12,299	13,150
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	115	100.0	11,855	11,855	433	100.0	29,481	29,501	428	100.0	18,952	18,986
Under \$5,000.....	10	8.7	29	29	39	9.0	108	108	34	7.9	106	106
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	46	40.0	605	605	168	38.8	2,168	2,168	190	44.4	2,443	2,443
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	45	39.1	2,426	2,426	174	40.2	8,855	8,855	160	37.4	7,640	7,640
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	12	10.4	2,863	2,863	48	11.1	10,155	10,175	43	10.1	7,623	7,657
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	1.8	5,932	5,932	4	0.9	8,195	8,195	1	0.2	1,140	1,140
RETAIL TRADE.....	580	100.0	15,994	16,044	2,432	100.0	66,452	67,151	2,081	100.0	52,831	53,099
Under \$5,000.....	89	15.3	261	261	432	17.8	1,251	1,251	427	20.5	1,213	1,213
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	329	56.7	4,067	4,067	1,353	55.6	16,563	16,563	1,121	53.9	13,326	13,326
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	138	23.8	5,899	5,899	549	22.6	24,148	24,148	456	21.9	18,924	18,924
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	23	4.0	4,743	4,793	95	3.9	21,067	21,766	74	3.6	13,894	14,162
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.2	1,024	1,024	3	0.1	3,423	3,423	3	0.1	5,474	5,474
CONSTRUCTION.....	172	100.0	9,090	9,090	734	100.0	38,626	38,760	570	100.0	30,100	31,092
Under \$5,000.....	15	8.7	47	47	63	8.6	196	196	51	8.9	142	142
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	65	37.8	944	944	322	43.9	4,315	4,315	236	41.4	3,186	3,186
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	73	42.4	3,133	3,133	258	35.1	12,351	12,351	214	37.5	10,305	10,305
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	18	10.5	3,966	3,966	89	12.1	19,764	19,898	67	11.8	13,793	14,785
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.6	1,000	1,000	2	0.3	2,000	2,000	2	0.4	2,674	2,674
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	118	100.0	3,378	3,919	381	100.0	14,290	14,331	327	100.0	9,809	9,809
Under \$5,000.....	19	16.1	57	57	72	18.9	221	221	75	22.9	209	209
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	65	55.1	795	795	205	53.8	2,477	2,477	179	54.8	2,201	2,201
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	24	20.3	1,114	1,114	76	19.9	3,383	3,383	58	17.7	2,598	2,598
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	10	8.5	1,912	1,953	27	7.1	6,945	6,986	14	4.3	3,739	3,739
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	1	0.3	1,264	1,264	1	0.3	1,062	1,062
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,175	100.0	57,103	57,347	4,805	100.0	232,402	234,547	4,227	100.0	176,572	179,657
Under \$5,000.....	149	12.7	449	449	683	14.2	2,011	2,011	658	15.6	1,893	1,893
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	584	49.7	7,424	7,424	2,364	49.2	29,397	29,397	2,041	48.3	25,092	25,092
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	338	28.8	15,233	15,233	1,313	27.3	61,075	61,075	1,167	27.6	53,214	53,214
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	99	8.4	24,000	24,244	428	8.9	102,267	103,909	345	8.1	73,724	75,958
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	5	0.4	9,997	9,997	17	0.4	37,652	38,155	16	0.4	22,649	23,500

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—April 1957

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	11	937	10	326	29	2,128	7	117	6	119	63	3,627
New York.....(2).....	68	8,532	34	8,810	150	3,845	34	2,516	18	436	304	24,139
Philadelphia.....(3).....	15	594	8	121	25	1,129	9	450	5	173	62	2,467
Cleveland.....(4).....	3	246	6	150	25	571	12	846	3	14	49	1,827
Richmond.....(5).....	2	60	4	173	18	404	6	182	1	822	3	182
Atlanta.....(6).....	11	316	10	451	48	1,048	18	816	6	138	93	2,769
Chicago.....(7).....	21	2,269	11	457	68	1,334	18	1,363	13	298	5,721	5,721
St. Louis.....(8).....	4	304	2	113	21	51	5	415	2	168	34	1,314
Minneapolis.....(9).....	1	118	2	60	14	284	8	202	1	8	26	672
Kansas City.....(10).....	3	124	3	136	19	399	4	137	4	128	33	924
Dallas.....(11).....	3	148	4	57	27	517	7	131	11	698	52	1,551
San Francisco.....(12).....	48	2,638	21	1,001	136	4,021	44	1,915	48	1,695	297	11,270
Total United States.....	190	16,286	115	11,855	580	15,994	172	9,090	118	3,878	1,175	57,103

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	50.4	47.9	42.9	39.4	48.0	46.1	40.9	36.8
February.....	59.3	50.9	45.6	47.9	51.1	43.5	38.6	40.9
March.....	58.7	49.6	44.0	46.7	54.9	46.4	41.1	43.6
April.....	51.6	45.2	39.7	42.9	48.2	42.2	36.8	39.7
May.....	51.3	43.7	43.1	....	48.9	41.6	41.0	....
June.....	48.7	40.2	42.5	....	49.2	40.6	42.9	....
July.....	46.4	39.1	37.6	....	49.9	42.0	40.4	....
August.....	46.5	37.4	40.1	....	51.7	41.6	44.1	....
September.....	44.2	37.5	37.5	....	51.4	43.6	44.1	....
October.....	50.6	41.9	39.9	....	53.3	44.6	42.4	....
November.....	49.5	46.8	46.4	....	48.5	46.3	46.4	....
December.....	44.8	39.8	40.3	....	47.2	42.3	42.9	....
Mo. Average..	55.0	48.0	41.6	42.0	....	....	....	....

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Records, have a special meaning: they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January.....	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February.....	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March.....	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April.....	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	91	9.2	91	9.2
May.....	1,164	245	21.1	118	10.1	575	49.4	132	11.3	94	8.1
June.....	1,105	183	16.5	115	10.4	551	49.9	163	14.8	93	8.4
July.....	1,018	165	16.2	85	8.4	540	53.0	141	13.9	87	8.5
August.....	1,101	195	17.7	98	8.9	567	51.5	146	13.3	95	8.6
September.....	932	140	15.0	85	9.1	489	52.5	146	15.7	72	7.7
October.....	1,158	198	17.1	112	9.7	584	50.4	182	15.7	82	7.1
November.....	999	166	16.6	94	9.4	482	48.3	171	17.1	86	8.6
December.....	982	172	17.5	72	7.3	472	48.1	183	18.6	83	8.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,285	18.0	1,207	9.5	6,341	50.0	1,834	14.5	1,019	8.0
1957											
January.....	1,148	197	17.2	91	7.9	612	53.3	177	15.4	71	6.2
February.....	1,146	199	17.4	106	9.2	568	49.6	180	15.7	93	8.1
March.....	1,336	239	17.9	121	9.1	672	50.3	205	15.3	99	7.4
April.....	1,175	190	16.2	115	9.8	580	49.4	172	14.6	118	10.0
May.....
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October.....
November.....
December.....
Total Year.....

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January.....	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February.....	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March.....	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April.....	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May.....	1,164	194	16.7	579	49.7	278	23.9	109	9.4	4	0.3
June.....	1,105	193	17.5	505	45.7	322	29.1	81	7.3	4	0.4
July.....	1,018	175	17.2	486	47.7	302	29.7	50	4.9	5	0.5
August.....	1,101	198	18.0	515	46.8	269	24.4	111	10.1	8	0.7
September.....	932	127	13.6	487	52.3	245	26.3	71	7.6	2	0.2
October.....	1,158	188	16.2	560	48.3	303	26.2	104	9.0	3	0.3
November.....	999	152	15.2	491	49.2	282	28.2	72	7.2	2	0.2
December.....	982	147	15.0	488	49.7	263	26.8	79	8.0	5	0.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,032	16.0	6,152	48.5	3,431	27.0	1,022	8.1	49	0.4
1957											
January.....	1,148	173	15.0	543	47.3	306	26.7	124	10.8	2	0.2
February.....	1,146	178	15.5	539	47.0	325	28.4	100	8.7	4	0.4
March.....	1,336	183	13.7	698	52.2	344	25.7	105	7.9	6	0.5
April.....	1,175	149	12.7	584	49.7	338	28.8	99	8.4	5	0.4
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